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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am aware of that complaint. Rules are being framed now."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Are the service conditions and pay of Language Pandits equal, inferior or superior to those of corresponding Assistant Lecturers of the English language? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Assistant Lecturers are all put in the same category. No distinction is made as between English Lecturers and other Language Lecturers."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" பாஷை சொல்லிக்கொடுப்பவர்களும் 'அஸிஸ்டென்ட் லெக்சரர்கள்' என்று உத்தியோகப் பெயரால்தான் அழைக்கப்பட்டாலுங்கூட, மற்ற அஸிஸ்டென்ட் லெக்சரர்களுக்குக் கொடுக்கப்படும் சம்பள விகிதம் இவர்களுக்குக் கொடுக்கப்படவில்லை. எல்லா அஸிஸ்டென்ட் லெக்சரர்களுக்கும் ஒரேவிதமான கிரேடு ரூபாய் 150—5—200—10–250 இருப்பதுதான் நல்லது. ஆனல், நம்முடைய சொந்த, தாய் பாஷையைப் போதிக்கக்கூடியவர்களுக்கு 'அசிஸ்டென்ட் லெக்சரர்கள்' என்ற பெயரை மட்டும் கொடுத்துவிட்டு, அவர்களை மூன்று விதமாகப் பாகுபடுத்தி சம்பள விகிதம் நிர்ணயிக்கவேண்டிய அவசியம் என்ன ? இந்தப் பாகுபாட்டை நீக்கமுடியுமா ?

" அஸிஸ்டென்ட் லெக்சரர்களுக்கு ரூ. 180-லிருந்து ரூ. 350 வரையில் போகக்கூடிய சம்பள விகிதத்தை மத்திய சம்பள கமிஷன் சிபாரிசு செய்திருக்கிறது. அந்தச் சிபாரிசின்படி, புதிய விகிதத்தின் பிரகாரம் எப்பொழுது அவர்களுக்குச் சம்பளம் கொடுக்கப்படும் என்பதை அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தெரிவிப்பார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" These three grades have been fixed with reference to qualifications. If we should have Grade I only, many of the persons who have already been employed will have to be thrown out of employment. But they are quite qualified to teach the languages as such. That is why with reference to qualifications three grades have been formed. Grade I qualification is equivalent to the qualification fixed for the other Assistant Lecturers. When the qualification and the cadre are the same, they receive the same pay. As far as Grades II and III are concerned, they are lesser qualified people and they cannot be put on a par with the other people unless we want to send them away from the employment they already have."

Closure of Sree Lakshmi Saw Mills, Limited, Kasaragode.

* 562 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Sree Lakshmi Saw Mills, Limited, Kasargode, South Kanara, was closed on 10th July 1954 without even giving any notice to the Government or to the workers in violation of the Factories Act ; and

(*b*) whether the Management have given any lay-off compensation to the workers according to the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act, 1953?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Sree Lakshmi Saw Mills, Kasargode, South Malabar, was closed on 12th July 1954. A notice was put up by the management on 10th July 1954 stating that the factory would be closed for annual overhaul and re-opened in October 1954. The management re-opened the factory on 8th September 1954.

" (*b*) No, Sir."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know why the management has not given the lay-off compensation to the workers according to the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act of 1953? May I know also whether the Government have received any report from the Conciliation Officer regarding this matter and if so, what action they have taken in this regard? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" It was the contention of the management that the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act of 1953 would not apply to that factory. The Labour Officer then made an inquiry into the matter and found that there were only 46 workers working in the factory. According to the Industrial Disputes Act of 1950, the Government found that they could not insist on the payment of lay-off wages to the workers."

Family Planning Centres.

*563 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the proposals of the Government for giving financial assistance to start Family Planning Centres in the State in the year 1954–55;

(*b*) the aid given by the Union Government towards the Family Planning Scheme to this State during the year;

(*c*) the schemes envisaged for the establishment of a number of family planning centres in rural and urban areas in the State; and

(*d*) the proposal of the Government to make arrangements in Government hospitals to give advice on health and family planning to married couples?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) It is not known what the hon. Member means by clause (*a*) of the question. If he means Government financial assistance to private organization or institution to start Family Planning Centres, the answer is nil.

" (*b*) The Union Government have sanctioned a grant-in-aid of Rs. 15,000 to this State for the starting of a research centre for carrying out research into sub-fertility. They have also sanctioned financial assistance to this State, by way of meeting a portion of the recurring and non-recurring expenditure on the maintenance of full-time family planning clinics in eight select institutions in the State.